

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for patterning a surface of a substrate with an ink, the method comprising the ~~steps~~ acts of:
 - providing an elastomeric stamp having a bulk surface and at least one feature protruding from the bulk surface the protruding feature having a contact surface and an edge extending from the contact surface to the bulk surface the protruding feature and the bulk surface carrying a barrier layer;
 - applying a solution of the ink and a solvent to the barrier layer;
 - removing the solvent from the barrier layer;
 - providing a first substrate with a surface having a higher affinity for the ink than the barrier layer;
 - contacting the contact surface of the protruding feature with the surface of the first substrate;

transferring the ink from the contact surface of the protruding feature to the surface of the first substrate;
removing the elastomeric stamp from the surface of the first substrate;

providing a second substrate with a surface having a higher affinity for the ink than the barrier layer;

contacting the contact surface of the protruding feature with the surface of the second substrate; and

providing the surface of the second substrate with an ink pattern by transferring the ink from the edge of the protruding feature to the surface of the second substrate.

2. (Currently Amended) A-The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step-act of removing a part of the surface of the second substrate the part being defined by the ink pattern.

3. (Currently Amended) A-The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the removing of the part of the surface of the second substrate comprises an etching-step act.

4. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of providing the surface of the second substrate is performed for a period of time to allow lateral movement over the surface of the second substrate of the ink transferred from the edge.